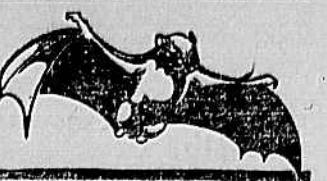


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Number of Meetings of Auxiliary Bodies to Begin Their Sessions.

AN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Important Gathering of Educators to Open at Grace Street.

Official Announcement.

The following is an official announcement to the delegates made by Dr. Burrows and Dr. Gregory, the secretaries of the convention:

"The office of the secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention at the Franklin Street entrance of the Jefferson Hotel, will be open for the registration of delegates Wednesday, May 15th, 2 P. M. to 10 P. M., and remain open for that purpose Thursday, May 16th, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

"Financial delegates and associational representatives are earnestly urged to present their cards of appointment as soon after arrival as possible. Attention to this will greatly aid us in preparing the roll and obviate the necessity of a tedious roll-call. Only those who have registered and received badges will be admitted to the delegates' section in the Auditorium.

"State secretaries will please report as soon as possible and thus aid in prompt organization."

The committee on assignments to homes will hold headquarters at the V. M. C. A. rooms, Sixth and Main Streets, and keep open duty from 7 A. M. to 2 P. M. from Wednesday to Friday inclusive.

While the fifty-second annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention will not actually meet until 8 o'clock to-morrow night, the Baptists of the South are already beginning to arrive. The trains and the steamboats coming in yesterday and last night brought many of the faithful to the city who came to attend the meetings incidental upon the great assembly of Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention has become a great body, with any number of auxiliary organizations, composed of both men and women, and a Southern Baptist Convention of to-day is very different kind of a gathering from that of a half or a quarter of a century ago. In the older days the convention proper was the only body to meet or to attract a crowd, but in later years its work has branched out until it encompasses all manner of church work from that done by the dignified brethren down to that along the same lines of spiritual advancement done by the little children in the infant classes of the Sunday-schools.

All of these branches of the church work will be considered in the many meetings to be held this week. Already many delegates to the various bodies have reached the city, and hundreds more are yet to come.

Numbers of the auxiliary bodies of the convention will begin their meetings to-day.

Among these one of the most import-

tant gatherings will be the Education Conference, which will hold its sessions at the Grace Street Baptist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock to-night. The sessions will be continued Thursday morning and afternoon.

19—"How My State Work Is Conducted," papers of five minutes each by (1) Rev. J. M. Pilcher, D. D., corresponding secretary of Sunday-School and Bible Board of Virginia, Petersburg, Va. (2) Rev. Hight C. Moore, Sunday-School Field Secretary, Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C. (3) Rev. J. D. Moore, Sunday-School Field Secretary, Baptist State Convention, Columbia, S. C. (4) Mr. G. W. Andrews, Sunday-School Field Secretary, Baptist State Convention, Atlanta, Ga. (5) Rev. W. D. Moore, Sunday-School Field Secretary, Baptist State Convention, Oklahoma City, Oklahama.

10—"Advertising Our Meetings," Rev. H. Beauchamp, Field Secretary, Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Little Rock, Arkansas.

11—"The Teacher-Training System," Rev. L. J. Van Ness, D. D., Editorial Secretary Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

11:30—"The Evangelistic Spirit in Connection with Sunday-School Methods," Rev. J. H. Dow, State Evangelist, General Association of Missouri, Liberty, Missouri.

12—"A Sunday-School Secretary's Studies," Rev. H. C. Moore.

12:15—"Shall We Organize Our Sunday-School Forces?" Mr. G. W. Andrews.

12:30—"Adjourn.

Afternoon.

2:00—"Sunday-School Institutes," Mr. L. P. Leavell, field secretary, Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Oxford, Mississippi.

2:30—"Sunday-School Statistics," Rev. J. D. Moore.

2:45—"Summer Assemblies and Training-Schools," Rev. B. W. Spilman, field secretary, Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Kinston, N. C.

3:00—"The Tour Plan," Rev. W. E. Brittain, field secretary, Sunday-School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Waco, Tex.

The afternoon speakers are the following:

President R. T. Vann, North Carolina Woman's College, Raleigh.

President S. Y. Jameson, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Dr. W. C. James, Bethel College, Russellville, Ky.

Sunday-School Workers.

Another very important gathering scheduled for to-day is the Annual Conference of Sunday-school workers of the Southern Baptist Convention. These meetings will be held in the parlors of the First Baptist Church, beginning at 9:30 this morning, and lasting pretty much all day. The following is the program, which fully explains the work before the Conference:

9:30—Devotional meeting, Rev. J.

The Young People.

The Baptist Young People's Union of the South, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will also hold their annual convention, beginning to-night. The officers of the union are: W. W. Hamilton, president; H. W. Virgin and R. Vandeveer, vice-presidents; W. W. Gaines, recording secretary; B. A. Dawes, chairman executive committee; Joseph W. Watts, secretary executive committee.

The following is the program arranged for the meetings of the union:

Wednesday.

7:30 P. M. Opening of convention, by President W. W. Hamilton.

Devotional exercises.

Address: "Training for Service," Len. G. Broughton, Atlanta, Ga.

Discussion.

Address: "A Wider Vision in Young People's Work," Geo. T. Webb, general secretary, Chicago.

Discussion.

Address: "The Weekly Meeting of the Union's Opportunity," S. E. Tull, Green-wich, Miss.

Discussion.

Miscellaneous business.

2:30 P. M. Devotional exercises.

Address: "Young People and Church Fellowship," M. P. Hunt, Louisville, Ky.

Discussion.

Address: "Young People and Missionary Education," T. B. Ray, Richmond, Va.

Discussion.

Reports from the States.

Closing devotional exercises.

The Laymen to the Front.

Another of the gatherings in connection with the convention which will no doubt command special attention will be the laymen's meeting, which is scheduled to meet at Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The gathering is somewhat unique one, and is looked upon by the Baptists of Richmond as a step in the direction of the formation of an organization among the Baptist churches somewhat similar to the St. Andrew's Brotherhood in the Episcopal Church and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip in some of the Presbyterian churches.

The call for the conference is issued by ex-Governor Northern, of Georgia, and by Hon. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore. In connection with the conference Governor Northern writes:

"The object of the conference is to explain the purpose of the movement, the aims and objects involved in it, the rapid spread of the Redemer's kingdom the world round, and to arrange for its presentation in a proper manner before the Southern Baptist Convention at such a time during its session, as may be designated by it."

Those taking a leading part in calling this meeting state that the purpose is not to establish another missionary board, appoint missionaries or solicit funds, beyond those needed for incidental expenses, but, on the contrary, its sole object is, in co-operation with existing organizations, to stimulate the thought and activity of Christian laymen to a more thorough devotion of their time, talent and material prosperity to the evangelization of the world. In other words, it is considered to be the application of practical business ideas and methods

to a religious, but equally practical question.

Mr. Levering's Views.

Mr. Levering, in speaking of the proposed gathering, said:

"The aim of the laymen's missionary movement is to bring about a radical change, by laying upon the hearts and consciences of Christian men their responsibility for an equal share, with others, in the active work of carrying out the great commission."

"During the past few years, as God has in a marvellous way opened up the entire non-Christian world to the gospel, there has been born deep in the hearts of some of His people the conviction that the door of opportunity has been opened for the literal carrying out of the great commission and as a result the evangelization of the world, and that within a generation."

Mr. Levering states in his general call for the gathering that the organization will follow somewhat in the lines laid down by the United Presbyterian Church, which aims to maintain in the foreign field not less than one missionary for every 25,000 of population in those sections where their missions are located.

The call for a laymen's movement has as its basis a thorough belief in the reasonableness and practicability of the missionary idea, and the call sets forth the following outline of work:

(1) To project a campaign of education among laymen, to be conducted under the direction of the various boards.

(2) To devise a comprehensive plan (in conjunction with the several board secretaries) looking toward the evangelization of the world in this generation.

(3) To endeavor to form, through the various boards, a centennial commission of laymen, fifty or more in number, to visit as early as possible the mission fields and report their findings to the churches at home.

Exhibit of Methods.

Mission workers and the public generally are invited to visit the exhibit of methods made by the Woman's Missionary Union in one of the classrooms in the basement of the Second Baptist Church. The exhibit is full of suggestion for those engaged in mission work, and especially for Sunbeam leaders. All the literature used in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union is attractively displayed, as well as that for the mission study classes recently inaugurated by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

BEN GREET'S PLAYERS.

"As You Like It" and "The Tempest" to Be Presented.

The interesting announcement is made that on Thursday afternoon an evening Ben Greet English William player will give an air performance. The company has given the company in this country, and they have met with the same distinguished success accorded those in England. Performances have been given on the campus of the University of Virginia, Howard, Yale, Princeton, Wesleyan, Vassar, Smith, and a number of private estates.

The performances on the present tour will include visits to the universities of Chicago, Cornell, Columbia, Harvard, Michigan, Ohio, Ohio State University, Oberlin, Lake Erie and McGill colleges; also to Cleveland, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Milwaukee.

This is the first time in a series of years that an open-air performance of Shakespeare plays in England with enormous success, acting each year at Oxford, Cambridge, the Royal Botanical Gardens of London, and

Hastings.

11:30—"The Young Richley Kidd isn't to marry Goldie Stiles after all?"

"Well, well! and I heard he had even gone so far as to rehearse for the wedding."

"Yes, that was the trouble. They had had a hard time getting him to do it, and the preparations for matrimony were such hard work he was afraid he couldn't stand the real thing at all."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

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